REMARKS

General Remarks

With this Amendment, Applicant cancels Claims 1-11 and adds new Claims 12-13.

Therefore, Claims 12-13 are all the claims currently pending in the present application.

New Claims 12-13

Applicant adds new Claims 12-13 in order more fully to cover various aspects of Applicants' invention as disclosed in the specification.

Regarding Claim 12, Applicant submits that none of the cited art teaches or suggests at least continuously transmitting a signal requesting registration from a portable phone to a switching control center, or transmitting a location registration acknowledgement signal when a connection is able to be made, as claimed, and as supported in the specification at least at page 13, lines 5-18.

Regarding Claim 13, Applicant submits that none of the cited art teaches or suggests at least continuously transmitting a notification that a voice message has been stored, as claimed, and as supported in the specification at least at page 17, lines 22-25.

Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 12 and 13 are patentable over the cited art and respectfully requests that Claims 12 and 13 be allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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